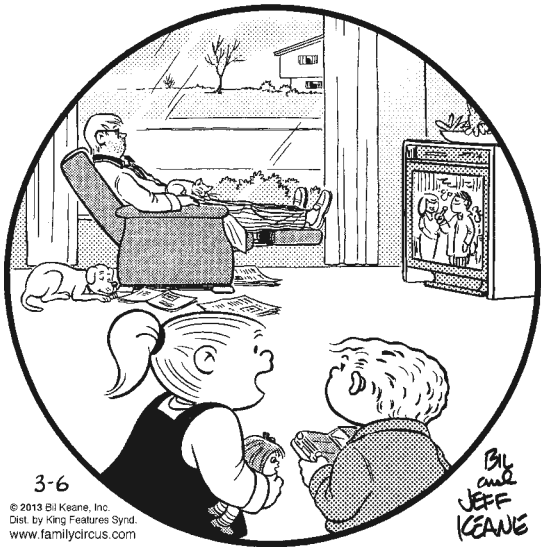


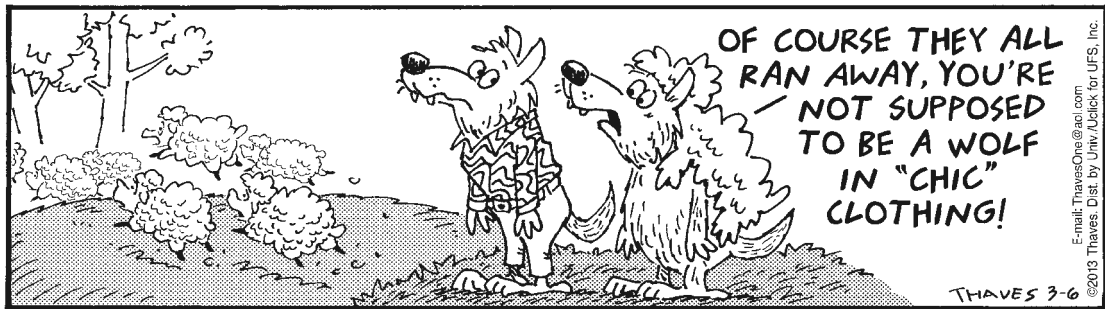
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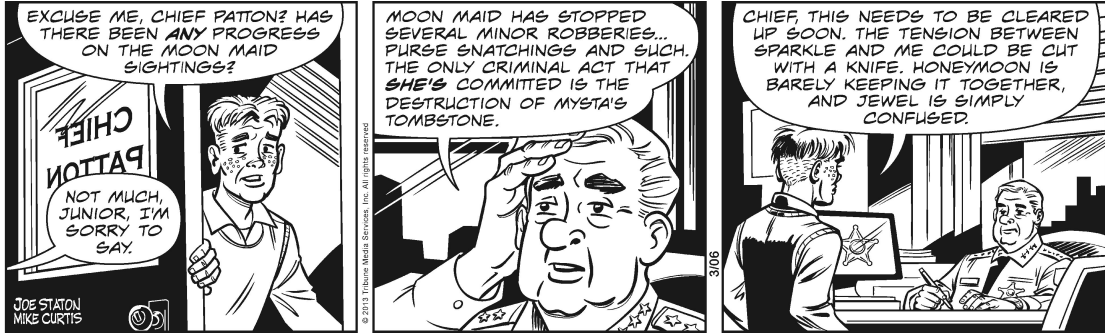
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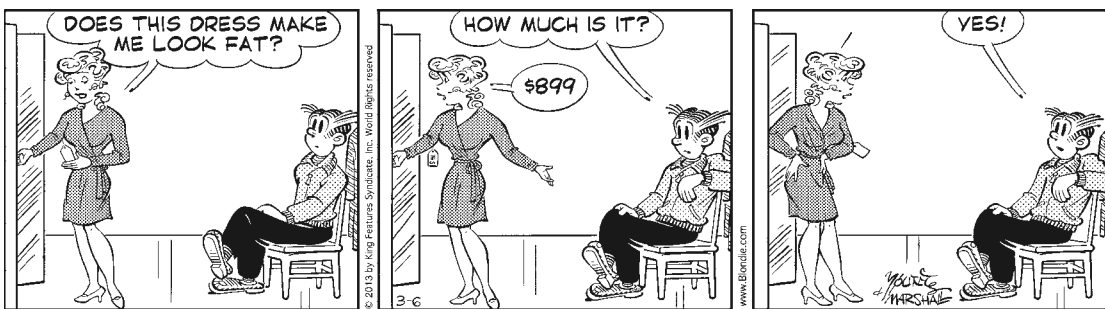
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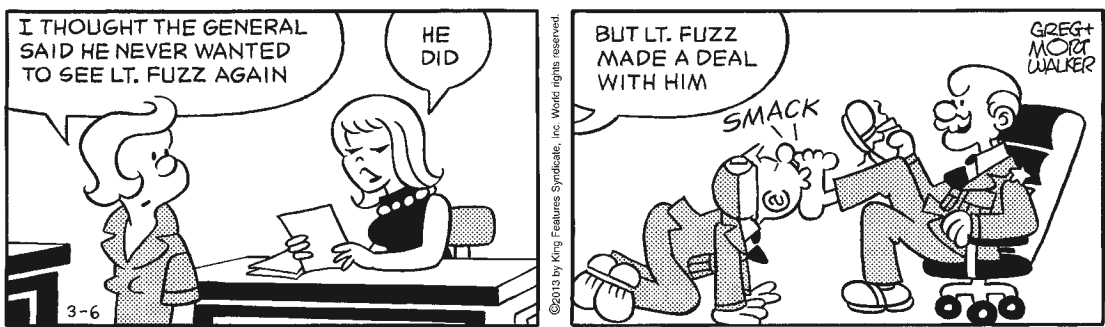
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# Adopted Children Are Product Of Two Different Kinds Of Love

DEAR ABBY: While cleaning out my attic yesterday, I found a letter that my daughter wrote to you a few years ago when she was 13. She was responding to a poem that had appeared in your column, "Legacy of an Adopted Child."

She was going through a very trying time and was being bullied because she was adopted and looked very different from her parents.

My daughter is grown now and is a delightful, successful young woman. That poem helped her greatly. Can you reprint it for others? — PROUD MOM IN GREENVILLE, S.C.

DEAR PROUD MOM: With pleasure. The poem is part of my "Keepers" booklet.

The other prayed for a child  
And God led her straight to you.  
And now you ask me  
Through your tears,

The age-old question  
Through the years:  
Heredity or environment  
Which are you the product of?  
Neither, my darling — neither,  
Just two different kinds of love.



## DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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## LEGACY OF AN ADOPTED CHILD

(Author Unknown)

Once there were two women  
Who never knew each other.  
One you do not remember,  
The other you call mother.  
Two different lives  
Shaped to make yours one.  
One became your guiding star,  
The other became your sun.  
The first gave you life  
And the second taught you to live it.  
The first gave you a need for love  
And the second was there to give it.  
One gave you a nationality,  
The other gave you a name.  
One gave you a seed of talent,  
The other gave you an aim.  
One gave you emotions,  
The other calmed your fears.  
One saw your first sweet smile,  
The other dried your tears.  
One gave you up —  
It was all that she could do.

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## JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Capricorn.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013:

This year you gain greater insight because of your willingness to open up to others and explore new ideas. You genuinely have a great deal of compassion for people in general. You also express an intensity that is unique to you. If you are single, you have the opportunity to meet someone quite special anytime from this summer on. If you are attached, the two of you will fulfill a long-term dream or desire. You also might opt to socialize more. CAPRICORN can be a loyal friend.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

### ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ Take charge if you want to maintain some form of control. Many different factors are at work here. Listen to different perspectives, and your openness will help make minds meet. Others might express their relief to find agreement. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Recognize your limits. Honor what is happening between you and someone else. Laughter comes through at the strangest moments. A change of plans becomes possible more than a few times. Someone can't seem to make up his or her mind. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could see a matter very differently from how you did in the past. A partner might be trying to make an adjustment right now. Welcome this attitude, and work with this person. The outcome will be more trust. Tonight: Togetherness works, though a discussion could get heated.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Defer to others. Your sense of humor emerges when you're an observer. Be smart, and realize that your perspective might not be welcomed. A loved one could be quite serious, and he or she will be offended if you are not sympathetic. Tonight: Go along with someone's ideas.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ If you want to do something different, do it; however, know that you will have to convince an associ-

ate that this is OK. Revitalizing or transforming an area of your daily life could make a big difference. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Get into the moment.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Understand that your ingenuity will be needed to combine various ideas from different people, all of whom believe they are right. This collaboration depends on your ability to see where there is a common thread. Have a serious discussion. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Listen to a friend you identify with. This person might be transforming in front of your eyes. Know your limits here and honor them. Realize what is going on between the two of you. If you can get past your control issues, you'll be on cruise control. Tonight: Love the moment.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Understand the viability of a change in your thought process and your actions. If you keep hitting a dead end, a change of direction certainly seems more than appropriate. Resist rigidity Give a new outlook a chance, and you just might like how you feel. Tonight: Hang out.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You might need to be more grounded than others. Let go of trying to make everyone more aware, and simply take care of the matter at hand. Your sense of humor comes through in a big way. You know what works. Watch as others grasp at some wild ideas. Tonight: Off shopping.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You might be clear and direct, but others aren't right now. You might need to revise your plans. Fatigue marks a never-ending conversation. Be willing to change your responses, and see what happens. The situation might flow better than you think. Tonight: Your treat.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You could decide to go on a brief vacation as you look around and see what is going on. You want to be centered and remain detached. Realize your liabilities and keep smiling. The less said, the better. Tonight: Early to bed. Get a good night's sleep.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want rather than what you think you need to do. If you are not true to yourself, you could have difficulties. Friends change their tune quickly, which increases your level of anxiety. Don't criticize others' opinions. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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